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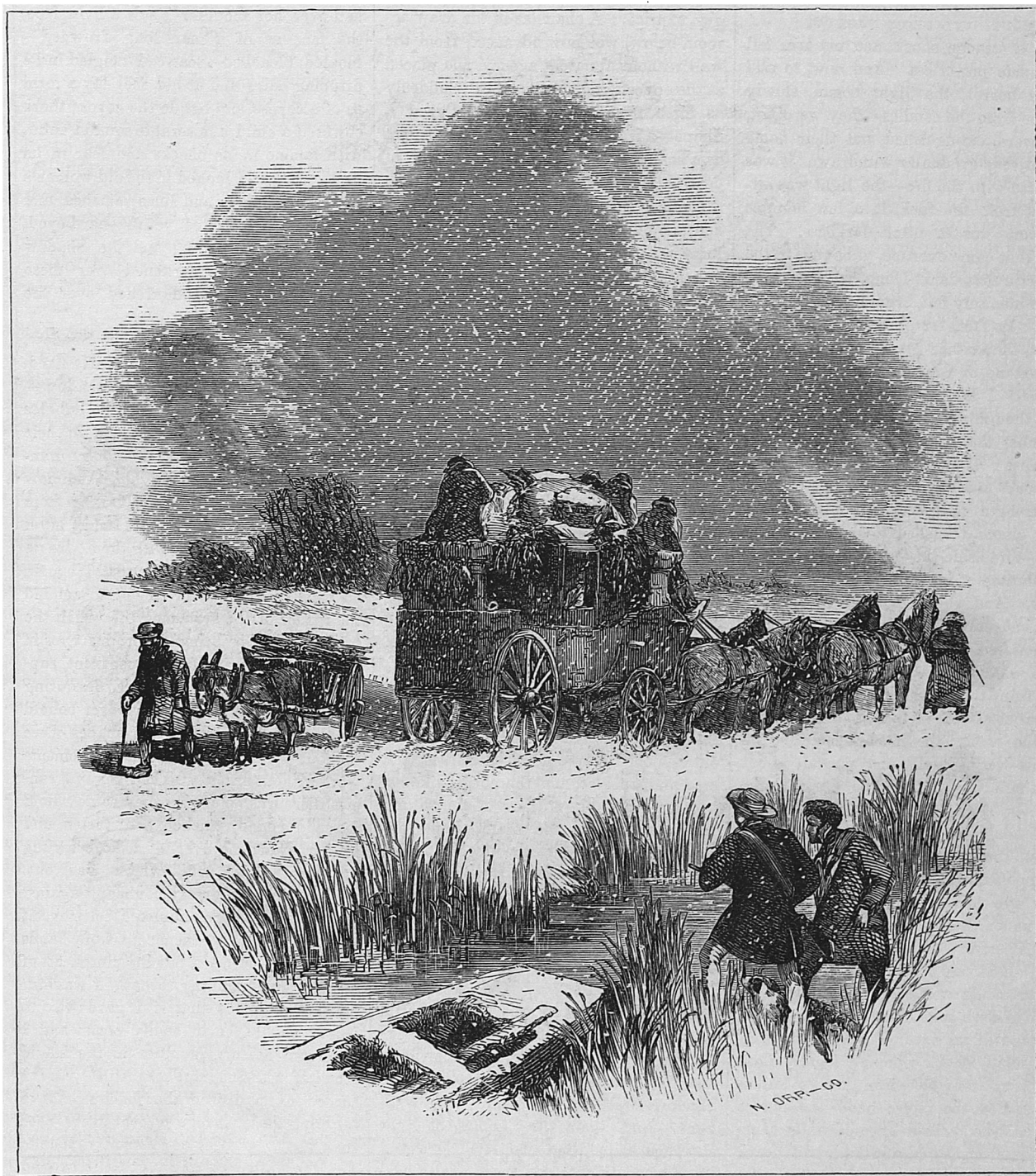
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Full knee-deep lies the Winter snow,  
And the Winter winds are wearily sighing;  
Toll ye the church bell, sad and slow,  
And tread softly, and speak low,  
For the old year lies a dying.

TENNYSON.